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REMARKS

Upon entry of the present supplemental amendment, claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-15 and 16 are pending, with claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 14 and 15 being independent. Claims 2, 3, 9, 14 and 15 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephonic conference on June 23, 2005 in which various amendments to the claims were discussed to more clearly define features of the claims in view of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants submit that the amendments presented herein are for purposes of clarifying the claim language, do not alter the scope of the claims, and are not being presented to distinguish from any of the cited references. Applicants have incorporated all of the amendments discussed with the Examiner, and the Examiner believes that these amendments will place all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

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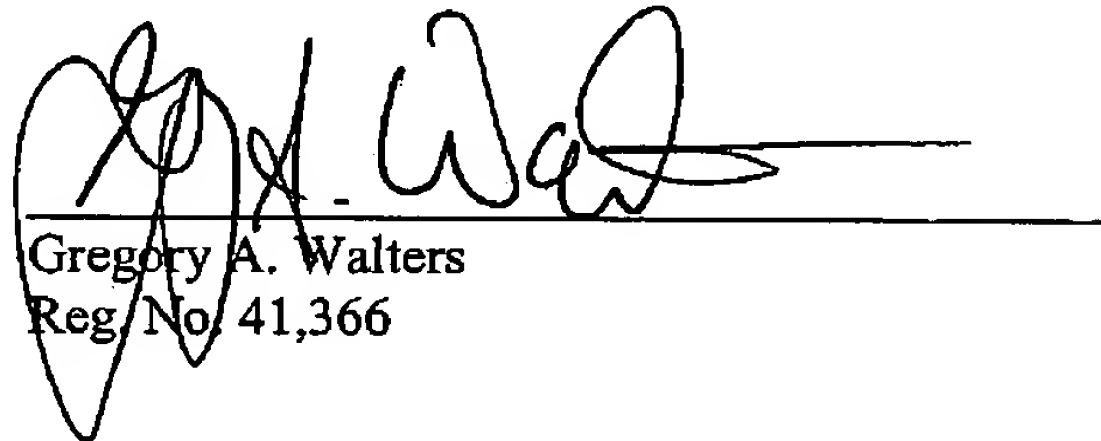
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If the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application can be expedited by discussing the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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